

Hon. Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
EVERETT JAMESLEE HAYES,  
Defendant.

NO. CR21-172-RSL

**PRELIMINARY ORDER  
OF FORFEITURE**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ("Motion") seeking to forfeit, to the United States, Defendant Everett Jameslee Hayes's interest in the following property ("Subject Property"):

1. A Taurus PT140Pro pistol, .40 caliber and associated ammunition; and
2. Two .40 caliber rounds of ammunition.

The Court, having reviewed the United States' Motion, as well as the other papers and pleadings filed in this matter, hereby FINDS entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is appropriate because:

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- The Subject Property is forfeitable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), as property involved Defendant's commission of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1); and is also forfeitable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and 18 U.S.C. § 2428(a), as proceeds of, or property used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate Defendant's commission of, Transportation for the Purposes of Prostitution, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2421; and
- Defendant agreed in the Plea Agreement he entered on September 6, 2022, to forfeit the Subject Property pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); and 18 U.S.C. § 2428(a). Dkt. No. 34 ¶ 13.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

- 1) Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); 18 U.S.C. § 2428(a); and Defendant's Plea Agreement, Defendant's interest in the Subject Property is fully and finally forfeited, in its entirety, to the United States;
- 2) Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A)–(B), this Preliminary Order will be final as to Defendant at the time he is sentenced, it will be made part of the sentence, and it will be included in the judgment;
- 3) The Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and/or its authorized agents or representatives ("ATF") shall maintain the Subject Property in its custody and control until further order of this Court;
- 4) Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), the United States shall publish notice of this Preliminary Order and its intent to dispose of the Subject Property as permitted by governing law. The notice shall be posted on an official

1 government website – currently www.forfeiture.gov – for at least thirty (30) days. For  
 2 any person known to have alleged an interest in the property, the United States shall, to  
 3 the extent possible, provide direct written notice to that person. The notice shall state that  
 4 any person, other than the Defendant, who has or claims a legal interest in the property  
 5 must file a petition with the Court within sixty (60) days of the first day of publication of  
 6 the notice (which is thirty (30) days from the last day of publication), or within thirty (30)  
 7 days of receipt of direct written notice, whichever is earlier. The notice shall advise all  
 8 interested persons that the petition:

- 9 a. shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's  
 10 alleged interest in the property;
- 11 b. shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury; and,
- 12 c. shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or  
 13 interest in the property, as well as any facts supporting the  
 14 petitioner's claim and the specific relief sought.

15 5) If no third-party petition is filed within the allowable time period, the  
 16 United States shall have clear title to the property, and this Preliminary Order shall  
 17 become the Final Order of Forfeiture as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2);

18 6) If a third-party petition is filed, upon a showing that discovery is necessary  
 19 to resolve factual issues it presents, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the  
 20 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure before any hearing on the petition is held. Following  
 21 adjudication of any third-party petitions, the Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture,  
 22 pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), reflecting that  
 23 adjudication; and,

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